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## FOREWORD

Long planned as a definitive treatment of certain measures generally agreed upon as constituting the next steps in railroad regulation, this volume was revamped almost over night by the necessity of war adjustments in the relation of the federal government to the railroads. Certainly no one could be more reluctant than the editor to speak as one with authority about the present or future of the railroads of the United States. However, by presenting opinions of widely varying tones and by making available to the readers of *The Annals* documentary material not generally accessible, it is hoped that this volume will afford some basis for clearer understanding of the present railroad situation and for public opinion to formulate regarding the socially desirable relationship between government and railroads after the war.

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